GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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POSCO IN ORISSA
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Korean steel major Pohang Steel Company (POSCO) has decided to withdraw its proposal to set up a steel plant at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the progress so far made for the setting up of the plant?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The progress so far made by M/s. POSCO India (P) Ltd. for setting up of steel plant in the state of Orissa is as below: -

POSCO India Private Limited has been set up with a paid up capital of USD 51.3 million in September 2005.

Government of Orissa has sanctioned 1135 acres of land in September 2006 to the company in Erasma Block in Jagatsingpur district in Orissa and process to lease out 2431 acres is underway.

The company has engaged more than 300 persons.

A Rehabilitation and Periphery Development Advisory Committee (RPDAC) has been constituted in June 2006.

An investment of Rs. 120 crore has been made by the company till date.